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**ABSTRACT**

The invention relates to a valve intended in particular for sanitary applications, comprising a body (2) in which there are a first and a second perpendicular duct (7,8) for the flow of a fluid to be shut off; a closure member (4) acts in the valve body to close and open the first duct. The closure member is constituted by a central core with a flexible, circular ring extending around it and has a head having a diverging profile which closes and opens the first duct (7) as a result of the action of the actuator means (3).